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Letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

I have the honour to refer to the report submitted by the Republic of Haiti to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) contained in document S/2002/614.

With respect to paragraph 2, subparagraph (g), of resolution 1373 (2001), it is noted in the above-mentioned report that although no terrorist movements have ever crossed the border, "many former Haitian military personnel who have taken refuge in the neighbouring Republic organize frequent commando operations aimed at overthrowing the constitutional order in Haiti or assassinating the Head of State".

In that regard, and on instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that, to date, the Dominican Republic has never received any complaints from the Haitian Government concerning possible terrorist acts across the border between the two countries, nor has it received information or evidence that such acts had occurred. It is therefore surprising that the report refers to the organization in the territory of the Dominican Republic of operations aimed at overthrowing the constitutional order in Haiti.

As the international community knows, the Dominican Republic is a peace-loving country with one of the lowest violence and crime rates in the region, thanks to the Government's policy of economic development, respect for democracy and human rights. In recent years, not a single act has been committed in the territory of the Dominican Republic that could be described as a terrorist act.

Moreover, our border with Haiti is under constant surveillance by the forces of law and order, which makes it virtually impossible for the border to be used by elements trying to carry out activities to undermine Dominican or Haitian laws.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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